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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the  
 above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 19-21:

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19. A computer programmed for carrying out the process of claim 1.

20. Computer program medium having registered therein a program for carrying out the process of claim 1.

21. Image reproduction device, comprising at least one device selected from the group of

a device according to claim 14,

a control unit which carries out the process according to claim 1, and

a computer according to claim 19.

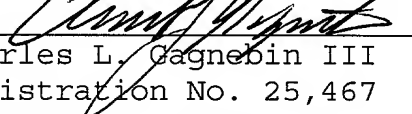
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that new claims 19-21 have been added; and original claims 1-18 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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